

Please replace claim 13 with the following "clean version" of the amended claim.

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13. (twice amended) A valve plug head assembly comprising:

- (A) a means for holding a valve plug head to a valve plug stem, wherein said means for holding further comprises a plug head band is made of a material capable of plastic deformation; and
- (B) a means for fastening said means for holding to said valve plug stem.

Version of claim 13 with "markings to show changes made" of the amended claim.

13. (twice amended) A valve plug head assembly comprising:

- (A) a means for holding a valve plug head to a valve plug stem, wherein said means for holding further comprises a plug head band ^{that} is made of a material capable of plastic deformation [made of a ductile material]; and
- (B) a means for fastening said means for holding to said valve plug stem.

Please replace claim 16 with the following "clean version" of the amended claim.

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16. (once amended) A valve plug head retainer, as recited in claim 13, wherein said means for holding further comprises a band in contact with said valve plug head and said valve plug stem and wherein said band further comprises a first side and a second side and wherein said first side is greater in height than said second side.

Version of claim 16 with "markings to show changes made" of the amended claim.

16. (once amended) A valve plug head retainer, as recited in claim 13 [14], wherein said means for holding further comprises a band in contact with said valve plug head and said valve plug stem and wherein said band further comprises a first side and a second side and wherein said first side is greater in height than said second side.

Please replace claim 19 with the following "clean version" of the amended claim.

19. (once amended) A valve plug head retainer, as recited in claim 13, wherein said means for holding further comprises a band in contact with said valve plug head and said valve plug stem and wherein said band further comprises a material selected from the group consisting of titanium and its alloys, zirconium and its alloys, niobium and its alloys, titanium-niobium alloys, alloy steels, carbon steels, iron-base superalloys, stainless steels, nickel and its alloys, nickel-base superalloys, copper based alloys, cobalt alloys, cobalt-base superalloys, aluminum and its alloys, magnesium alloys, and tantalum.

Version of claim 19 with "markings to show changes made" of the amended claim.

19. (once amended) A valve plug head retainer, as recited in claim 13 [14], wherein said means for holding further comprises a band in contact with said valve plug head and said valve plug stem and wherein said band further comprises a material selected from the group consisting of titanium and its alloys, zirconium and its alloys, niobium and its alloys, titanium-niobium [allows] alloys, alloy steels, carbon steels, iron-base superalloys, stainless steels, nickel and its alloys, nickel-base superalloys, copper based alloys, cobalt alloys, cobalt-base superalloys, aluminum and its alloys, magnesium alloys, and tantalum.